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Amendment to the Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for previewing documents on a computer system comprising the steps of:

displaying a main document which contains a first hyperlink;

and in response to an indication of the first hyperlink being received by the computer system, displaying a first preview document which document being that referred to by the first hyperlink whilst retaining a display of the main document, so that the document referred to by the first hyperlink may be previewed,

wherein the first hyperlink is indicated to the computer system by positioning a pointer over the hyperlink.

2. (Currently Amended) A method ~~according to claim 1~~ for previewing documents on a computer system comprising the steps of:

displaying a main document which contains a first hyperlink;

and in response to an indication of the first hyperlink being received by the computer system, displaying a first preview document which first preview document being that referred to by the first hyperlink whilst retaining a display of the main document, so that the document referred to by the first hyperlink may be previewed, wherein the first preview document contains a second hyperlink, ~~further comprising the step of:~~

in response to an indication of the second hyperlink being received by the computer system, displaying a second preview document which second preview document being that referred to by the second hyperlink whilst retaining the display of the first preview document so that the document referred to by the second hyperlink may be previewed,

wherein each hyperlink is indicated to the computer system by positioning a pointer over the hyperlink;

wherein each preview document is opened in a corresponding preview window,

wherein when each preview document is opened, the pointer automatically moves to within the newly opened preview window.

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wherein the first preview document window remains open as long as the pointer remains in the window corresponding to the second preview document or the window corresponding to a subsequent preview document derived via a subsequent hyperlink in the second preview document,

wherein when the pointer is moved from the second preview document window to the first preview document window, the second preview document window closes, and

wherein when the pointer is moved to a region not in the first preview document window or the second preview document window, both the first and second preview document windows close.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~1~~ or 2 further comprising the step of:

in response to an indication of a displayed document being received by the computer system, removing from display any and all preview documents deriving from the indicated document.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~1~~ or 2 further comprising the steps of:

in response to a selection of a displayed preview document being received by the computer system, substituting the selected preview document for the main document; and

removing from display all preview documents.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 3 further comprising the step of:

caching a preview document which has been removed from display.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 2 wherein the second hyperlink is indicated to the computer system by positioning a pointer over the hyperlink.

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7. (Original) A method according to claim 3 wherein the document is indicated by positioning a pointer at a location in the displayed document where there is not a hyperlink.

8. (Original) A method according to claim 4 wherein the preview document is selected by clicking a pointer at a location in the displayed preview document where there is not a hyperlink.

9. (Original) A method according to any preceding claim wherein documents are displayed in windows according to Microsoft.RTM Windows.RTM. format.

10. (Currently Amended) A system for displaying [[a]] preview text and spreadsheet ~~document~~ documents referred to by a hyperlink link in a main document, the system comprising: ~~a workstation, a first document store containing a first preview document and an interconnection means;~~

a local network;

one or more document stores connected with the local network to store text and spreadsheet documents;

a plurality of work stations connected with the local network, the each workstation being operable to co-operate with the first one or more document store stores using the interconnection means local network to store text and spreadsheet documents and to access the first preview document stored text and spreadsheet documents and, in response to an indication of the hyperlink a link in a main text or spreadsheet document currently displayed on the workstation being received by indicated to the workstation, to display the first a preview of a text or spreadsheet or document indicated by the link in the main text or spreadsheet document in addition to displaying the main text or spreadsheet document,

wherein the hyperlink link is indicated to the workstation by positioning a pointer over the hyperlink link.

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11. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 10, further comprising a local server coupled to ~~a second~~ the one or more document store stores ~~containing a second preview document, the server operable to co-operate with the workstation using the interconnection means, to access the second preview document in the second document store and to download the second preview document to the workstation.~~

12. (Currently Amended) A workstation comprising a display, data processing unit and user interface, operable according to the method of claims ~~1-9~~ 2-9 to display preview documents.

13. (Original) A workstation as claimed in claim 12, further comprising a local document store, the workstation being operable to access a preview document from said document store.

14. (Original) A workstation as claimed in claim 12, further comprising a data store operable to cache the content and data associated with a preview document which has been removed from display.

15. (Currently Amended) A Web browser application running on a computer system and displaying a main document, the application configured to be operable according to the method of claims ~~1-9~~ 2-9 to display preview documents whilst also displaying the main document.

16. (Previously Presented) A Web browser application as claimed in claim 15 wherein the main document is controllable using at least one tool provided by the application.

17. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 4 further comprising the step of:

 caching a preview document which has been removed from display.

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18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~18~~ 21, further including displaying one of the preview windows as a current page in response to clicking on the specific preview window and removing all other preview windows from the display.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~The A method according to claim 19,~~
of browsing internet websites comprising:

(a) in response to placing a pointer over a URL reference or symbol of a current web page, displaying a first pop-up preview-window also having a URL reference or symbol;

(b) in response to placing the pointer over the URL reference or symbol of the pop-up preview-window, displaying a child pop-up preview-window;

(c) repeating step (b) to generate a plurality of child preview windows;
and

wherein when a new preview window is displayed, the pointer is automatically repositioned within the new preview window.

22. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 21, further including in response to moving the pointer out of the new preview window back to a previous preview window, removing the new preview window.

23. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 21, further including in response to moving the pointer out of the new preview window a previous preview window, removing all preview windows that are subsequent to the previous preview window.

24. (New) The method according to claim 21 wherein step (c) further includes:

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after displaying the child pop-up preview window, placing the pointer over a URL reference or symbol in the child preview window to generate a second generation child preview window, the pointer being automatically repositioned within the second generation preview window;

placing the pointer over a URL reference or symbol in the second generation child preview window to generate a third generation child preview window, the pointer being automatically repositioned within the third generation preview window, the first preview window, the child preview window, the second generation child preview window and the third generation child preview window all continuing to be at least partially displayed such that a sequence of preview windows are concurrently displayed.

25. (New) The method according to claim 24 further including:

a) in response to moving the pointer from within the third generation child preview window to the second generation child preview window, closing the third generation child preview window;

b) in response to moving the pointer to within the child preview window, closing the second and third generation preview windows;

c) in response to moving the pointer to within the first preview window, closing the child, second generation child, and third generation child preview windows;

d) in response to moving the pointer to a location in none of the preview windows, closing all of the preview windows.